

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

I, the below named inventor, hereby declare that:

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I believe I am the original, first, and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **PRESSURE LIMITING VALVE**, the specification of which is attached hereto. This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C §119 (a)-(d) from German Patent Application No. 10306927.5-12, filed February 19, 2003.

I hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56.

I hereby declare that all statements are made hereby of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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